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SUBJECT: NEW ORDERS AND PRODUCTION IN
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SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER; OCTOBER
CAPACITY UTILIZATION ESTIMATES

REF: BONN 10215

1. THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED; 1970 EQUALS 100) FOR SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN

REVISED UPWARD, I.E., FROM A PRELIMINARY 112 TO A NEW 115; IN OCTOBER, THE INDEX REMAINED UNCHANGED AT 115, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES. THE TWO-MONTH COMPARISON SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER WITH JULY/AUGUST SHOWS A 1.3 PERCENT INCREASE, THUS GIVING AT LEAST SOME ENCOURAGEMENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE PREDICTED A MILD UPTURN IN THE GERMAN ECONOMY THIS FALL.

2. ACCORDING TO AN ECONOMICS MINISTRY CONTACT, THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED OVERALL INDEX OF THE VOLUME OF NEW ORDERS (1970 EQUALS 100) FOR SEPTEMBER WAS ALSO REVISED UPWARD, I.E., FROM A PRELIMINARY 111 TO 113; THE INDEX ADVANCED FURTHER TO 116 IN OCTOBER, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIGURES.

3. A COMPARISON OF THE TWO-MONTH PERIOD SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER WITH JULY/AUGUST SHOWS A SIX PERCENT INCREASE IN TOTAL ORDERS. THIS INCREASE WAS DUE PRIMARILY TO STRENGTHENING DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR CAPITAL GOODS, BUT EXPORT ORDERS ALSO INCREASED MODESTLY, I.E., BY 2.5 PERCENT.

4. TABLES DETAILING THE FOREGOING ARE APPENDED.

5. RECENT ESTIMATES OF THE IFO ECONOMIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN MUNICH SHOW SLIGHTLY INCREASING CAPACITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UTILIZATION. IFO'S REGULARLY-PUBLISHED SERIES (PARA 2 OF REFTTEL) PLACE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CAPACITY UTILIZATION IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN OCTOBER AT 82.7 PERCENT, UP ONE PERCENTAGE POINT FROM JULY TO A LEVEL ONLY 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW APRIL BUT STILL SOME FIVE PERCENTAGE POINTS BELOW THE LONG-TERM AVERAGE UTILIZATION RATE OF 87.6 PERCENT.

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TABLE I
 NEW ORDERS VOLUME
 SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
 (1970 EQUALS 100)

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1977	TOTAL	DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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JAN	108	101	134
FEB	108	99	138
MAR	114	104	151
APR	111	100	144
MAY	110	98	144
JUNE	108	98	140
JULY	105	98	130

AUG	111	101	148
SEPT	113	106	133
OCT	116	105	152

TABLE II
DOMESTIC INVESTMENT AND CONSUMER GOODS
NEW ORDERS VOLUME
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(1970 EQUALS 100)

1977 INVESTMENT GOODS CONSUMER GOODS

JAN	102	103
FEB	100	101
MAR	101	100
APR	97	103
MAY	96	101
JUNE	96	101
JULY	97	101

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AUG	100	111
SEPT	109	107
OCT	112	99

TABLE III
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(1970 EQUALS 100)

THEREOF

1977 TOTAL CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL GOODS CONSUMER GOODS

JAN	114	95	115	116
FEB	114	97	114	113
MAR	116	101	117	115
APR	114	97	114	114
MAY	113	96	113	114
JUNE	114	99	114	115
JULY	113	97	114	111
AUG	114	96	116	118
SEPT	115	96	117	117
OCT	115	97	116	120

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